
Title: The Virtues; the Light

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Part I People live their lives everyday, making decisions. These decisions can sometimes be marginal or they can have great impact. Although most basic decisions are made without thought, the rest are made consciously and they are; good or evil. For centuries people have oscillated between these two choices. Much like the sun sets into darkness leading to evil each night and the darkness is overcome by the light leading to good each day. So what is to keep the hoi polloi from falling into this trend and becoming affiliated with darkness? The answer is simple; Virtues. They establish order and stand as a code of conduct in Sosaria. They lead to the betterment of society and function to bring out the inherent good in all of its citizens. There are still those who stray from this path, but it is their choice. Without these virtues, the world would be lost and darkness would overcome everyone. With the virtues, there is light and the darkness will be overcome.

Many know that there are eight virtues but not many know that they are all based on solely three Principle Virtues. These

virtues are Truth, Love and Courage; combining these three lead to all eight of the other virtues. On the contrary, Liars, Haters and Cowards are the opposite of the virtuous. These people display many traits of darkness and corruption; but they shall be overcome by the righteous.

Truth is Honesty, a key trait that people need to build trust between each other.
Much of the success of society relies soley on Honestly.

Love is Compassion. This virtues requires us to show kindness and in return kindness will be granted to us.

Courage is Valor. It means taking chances and being risky. Yes, it may be dangerous but those who walk the path of Valor will become new entreprenuers.

Truth with the aid of Love becomes Justice. Only the loving and the truthful can be Just.

Love and Courage becomes Sacrifice. The virtue that claims people will help people, and they will be helped when they need it.

Then, Truth, Love and Courage becomes Spirituality; what makes poeple wonder about the world they live in and have faith.

Finally, there is Humility, which is pride but it is not excessive. It is having nothing, but realizing there are better things than material goods. When one does this, they achieve Humility.

So from Truth, Love

and Courage, eight more virtues are created.

Part II

As I travel down the path of the righteous, I contemplate; what do these virtues mean to me? With much thought I have come to many conclusions and have found the true meaning of virtue in my life.

Honesty - It means telling the wholesome truth to my companions, whether in a light conversation or on the battlefield and expecting the same in return.

Compassion - Is solely treating everyone, even my enemies the way I would like to be treated.

Justice - Is using love and truth to decided what is really right and ethical.

Sacrifice - Doing whatever is necessary to help some one, where it is dying for them or running a simple errand.

Honor - Is doing what is right, following a code of chivalry and even bushido. Using courage and truth to do what is right in war and in life.

Spirituality - Finding my place in life, in my guild and what I do.
Trying to become a "gift" upon the world and never the opposite.

Humilty - Being humble. If I lost everything, to realized that I still have a family and a guild, is all I would need to be happy.

I am WinzO. This is the path I wish to take and the virtues I wish to pursue. "Walk In Virtue."